

FRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Ashford, I need to...this has probably been covered but I am not clear. On your limitation on page 2 of \$20,000, does the aggregate mean collectively all of these groups, independent corporations, unions, industry, trade, professional associations, all of those added together is 20,000?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, so if under Senator Lindsay's example, if you come under...if you elect to go under the main bill, basically, to accept public funding, that, as it is now written, that those groups in their aggregate would be limited to \$20,000.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, thank you. The other...the real problem I have is how do you keep...I am asking questions, and I have probably sent more money back than I have kept for campaigns, but how...if an individual who is associated with an industry sends you a \$25 check, are you to keep track of what industry, every contribution that is made, that comes to you? The reason, I can recall once, and I don't remember if I kept the money or not, but I recall once there was money that I thought came from a PAC group but it was ten individual checks from people personally signed and dated, individual personal checks of \$25 a piece, which I assume they simply didn't want to make a PAC contribution. I don't know what the arrangement was, I didn't pay any attention, but I can see where some candidate could get inadvertently caught here without accurate records and, frankly, most of the times, you know, I don't know how people in a big statewide campaign, how you would keep track of where everybody worked and all the things that...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right.

SENATOR WARNER: ...would appear to me to be necessary.

SENATOR ASHFORD: The answer to that is that the recordkeeping may be increased. I understand that example, and I still think that the public good outweighs the necessity of keeping those records. I understand that you may get a check which is confusing whether or not it is an association check or an individual check. If I were doing it, I suppose I would assume that it is an association check and treat it as that, unless I had evidence that it wasn't. And I agree that it might have a